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Of Monsieur de Sons Progress in working Parabolar Glasses.

SINCE what was mentioned in the immediately precedent *Tract*, touching Monsieur de Son's noble attempt of grinding Glasses of a *Parabolical* Figure, the *Publisher* of these *Papers* hath himself seen two *Eye-glasses* of that shape, about one inch & a half deep, and one inch and a quarter broad, wrought by this *Eminent Artist* with a rare *Steel-instrument* of his own contrivance and workmanship, and by himself also polished to admiration. And certainly it will be wondrous at by those,

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who shall see these Glasses, how they could be truly wrought to such a Figure, with such a Cavity; & yet more, when they shall hear the Author undertake to excavate other such *Eye-Glasses* to above two inches, and *Object-glasses* of five inches *Diameter*. He hath likewise already begun his *Object-glasses* for the mentioned two *Ocular* ones, of the same Figure of about two inches *Diameter*, which are to be left all open, yet without causing any colours. Of all which 'tis hop'd, that shortly a fuller and more particular accompt will be given.

Monfieur Auzout's Speculations of the Changes, likely to be discovered in the Earth and Moon, by their respective Inhabitants.

This Inquisitive *Philosopher* in a letter of his, lately written to his correspondent in *London*, takes occasion to discourse of his considerations concerning those Changes, mentioned in the *Title*, as followes;

I have (saith he) sometimes thought upon the *Changes*, which 'tis likely, the supposed Inhabitants of the *Moon* might discover in our *Earth*, to see, whither reciprocally I could observe any such in the *Moon*. For example, methinks, that the *Earth* would to the people of the *Moon* appear to have a different face in the several seasons of the year; and to have another appearance in *Winter*, when there is almost nothing green in a very great part of the *Earth*; when there are Countries all covered with snow, others, all covered with water, others, all obscured with Clouds, and that for many weeks together: Another in *Spring*, when the Forests and Fields are green. Another in *Summer*, when whole Fields are yellow &c. Me thinks, I say, that these changes are considerable enough in the force of the reflexions of Light to be observed, since we see so many differences of Lights in the *Moon*. We have *Rivers* considerable enough to be seen, and they enter far enough
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